

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2335 - HB 2485

February 12, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class B and Class C misdemeanor when unauthorized persons that knowingly possess or are in control of a handgun enter the restricted access areas of commercial service airports or enter in or beyond airport security screen checkpoints.

Prohibits handgun restrictions in certain areas of commercial service airports and on the premises of any train, streetcar, bus, or other vehicle owned or operated by a public transportation authority of the state or political subdivision of the state.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions relative to airports:

- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1359(a)-(b), airport authorities are authorized to prohibit the possession of weapons by any person who is authorized to carry a firearm pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1351 on property owned, operated or managed under the control of the authority by displaying notice on signs located in prominent locations. A violation of such notice is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by fine only of \$500.
- This legislation prohibits the restriction of handgun carry permit holders in airport drives, general parking areas, walkways, shops, or areas of an airport terminal that are outside of the screening checkpoint and are normally open to unscreened passengers or visitors of the airport.
- This legislation specifies it will override any ordinance, resolution, regulation, or policy of any county municipality or other political subdivision of state that conflicts with the provisions of the legislation.
- This legislation creates a Class C misdemeanor for persons authorized to carry handguns that enter restricted areas of commercial service airports and specifies that persons authorized to carry handguns commit no offense if after notification at the screening checkpoint for the restricted access and completion of any federally required transportation security screening procedures, the individual leaves immediately.
- This legislation creates a Class B misdemeanor for persons not authorized to carry handguns that enter restricted areas of commercial service airports.

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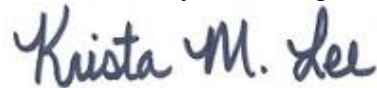
- Any cost to local jail systems resulting from possible convictions under this legislation is estimated to be not significant.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of misdemeanor prosecutions for the state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- The courts, district attorneys, and public defenders will not experience an increase in caseloads as these offenses are being charged under current law. Any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.

Assumptions relative to public transportation:

- No public transportation authorities in the state have met the provisions outlined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1359(g)(1) that authorize the prohibition or restriction of the possession of a handgun by a handgun carry permit holder on property owned or operated by such authority; therefore, handgun carry permit holders are authorized to carry in such locations.
- Any state or local impact resulting from authorizing handgun carry permit holders to carry a handgun while on the premises of or the passenger on any train, streetcar, bus, or other vehicle owned or operated by a public transportation authority of the state or political subdivision of the state is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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